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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

**TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700** 

Entry of this preliminary amendment prior to the examination of the instant application is respectfully requested. Please amend this application as follow:

## In the Claims

Please amend claim 8 as follow:

8. (Amended) A (single-piece) plant pot apparatus, comprising:
a pot body, the pot body having side wall(s) and a bottom wall; and
at least one leg (connected) built into the pot body at a first end; and
the pot body and the at least one leg being filled with a fluid absorbing
material; and

the at least one leg having <u>side wall(s)</u> and a (base portion) <u>bottom wall</u> at a second end of the leg, <u>and at least one hole disposed on the bottom wall of the leg, the</u>

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